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**Joint Education/Public Health Committee/Board Meeting**  
**Wednesday, April 27, 2016 @ 3:00 p.m.**  
**Pomelo community Charter School**  
**7633 March Avenue, West Hills, Ca. 91304**

This meeting is open to the public. Doors open 10 minutes before the meeting starts. Those who wish to speak during the meeting are asked to fill out a speaker card. Comments on matters not on the agenda will be heard during the Public Comment period. Those who wish to speak on an agenda item will be heard when the item is considered.

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Call to Order: Aida Abkarians, Education Co-Chair @ 3:22 pm

In attendance: Co-Chair, Jacquie Young, Ed Young, Education Committee Secretary; Sandi Bell-Public Health Chair, Steven Bell, Public Health Secretary; Steve Randall and Henlie Sakamoto, Members. Guest, Kristin Gonzales

Review and Approval of Minutes: Tabled, due to lack of minutes. Ed promised to have them ready for the May 25 committee meeting.

Teacher Award Program: Mrs. Abkarians reported that Four Schools submitted candidates for the 2015-2016 West Hills Neighborhood Council Outstanding Educator Award and there were 10 Nominees:

- **Hamlin Charter Academy**
  - Stacey Zavala—K-5 Resource Teacher
  - Cecilia Castillo—Special Education Assistant
- **Justice Street Academy**
  - Laura Monterastilli—Science Lab Aide
- **Nevada Avenue Elementary School**
  - Laurie Anderson—Intervention Teacher
  - Coleen Ruane—Parent Center Director
- **Pomelo Community Charter School**
  - Risden Parks—Building
  - Henlie Sakamoto—Kindergarten Teacher
  - Rosa Arroyo—Special Education Assistant
  - Karryn Grossman—2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Teacher
  - Judy Saute—3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher

This Award recognizes the contributions of both classroom teachers and school support staff. The candidates are selected by their peers at each school. They will be honored at the May 5 General WHNC Board meeting by City Councilman Mitch Englander, CD 12 and LA City Council President Herb Wesson. Casa De Soria is providing gift certificates for dinners for two for each honoree.

Neighborhood Purpose Grants: Four West Hills Schools received NPGs in 2015-16. Pomelo (2); Enadia Way; Hamlin; and Nevada.

Highlander Road reopening: LAUSD has a proposal to reopen Highlander Road School as a HS for continuing students from the Hale MS Charter School Performing Arts program. Ed Young introduced a resolution regarding better traffic control once it begins accepting students. Resolution passed and goes on to full Council Board for ratification.; 7 ayes-0 nays; Resolution is attached to these minutes.

Public Comment: Kristin Gonzales reported her interest in the work of the Education Committee. Steve Randall encouraged her to attend the May 5 Board meeting.

Public Health Committee: Chair Sandi Bell reports that a local resident complained about the dust generated by the development at Fallbrook & Roscoe. It was causing his family respiratory problems. Sandi referred his family to be tested for Valley Fever. Steve Randall indicated that he is a member of a WHNC Ad Hoc Committee, the Development Liaison Committee which monitors such things and asked Sandi to refer the resident to him for follow up. Sandi indicated that the Zika Virus has not yet been detected in Southern California, but will continue to monitor for it.

Next Committee Meeting Date: Wednesday, May 25, 2016 @ Pomelo.

Meeting Adjourned @ 4:46 PM

Respectfully Submitted, Ed Young, Education Committee Secretary

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